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Cmdr. Claude Taylor, near right, relinquishes his charge of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Detachment Mayport to Lt. Cmdr. Joseph "Derek" Tindell, far left. Overseeing the ceremony was FRCSE Commanding Officer Capt. Chuck Stuart, near left. Also pictured is Detachment Mayport's Master Chief Avionics Technician (AW/SW) Jean-Martial Previllon, far right. (U.S. Navy Photo/Released)

Jacksonville, Fla. – The tight-knit group of 200 Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Detachment Mayport Sailors said goodbye to Officer in Charge Cmdr. Claude Taylor June 24.

The detachment supports Navy helicopter squadrons deployed around the globe with rework and maintenance for their aircraft, engines, components and support equipment. The Sailors have made major strides – both professionally and personally – with Taylor at the reins.

"Detachment Mayport is the premier H-60 I-level maintenance facility in the fleet because of you," Taylor told the Sailors. "There are helicopters operating off ships and in the desert right now thanks to your skills and dedication. You are exceptional."

Taylor went on to put specific numbers to a few of the group's accomplishments in the last 24 months, including the repair and rework of 32,000 aircraft components returned to the fleet.



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“You introduced new, advanced repair processes and techniques, enhancing our capabilities in electro-optics, avionics, composites, support equipment and engine repair,” he said. “And, for the first time in more than seven years, established shipboard support equipment rework at this facility.

“You reduced work items in process from a high of 385, to an all-time low of 96.”

Along with Detachment Mayport’s accomplishments in its official role of maintaining Navy helicopters, the team has logged 30 months without an alcohol-related incident. In February, officers from the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office visited the detachment to present Taylor and his Sailors with an award for the achievement.

“When I got here, I challenged each of you to leave here better than when you arrived, and you did,” Taylor said, citing the college courses completed by Sailors during his tenure. “Keep it up.”

To Taylor, those are not just words.

Enlisting in the Navy in 1981, he eventually rose to the rank of senior chief before he was commissioned as a warrant officer in 1997. He later transitioned to aviation maintenance duty officer in 2004, earning a Bachelor of Science and master’s degree along the way.

FRCSE Commanding Officer Capt. Chuck Stuart praised Taylor for his leadership and the Sailors for their accomplishments.

“The importance of Detachment Mayport’s success may be underestimated by those not associated with what we do here, but make no mistake – the very lives of American service members and our allies deployed to conflict zones on the other side of the world hang in the balance,” Stuart told the Sailors in attendance. “Without the helicopter squadrons Detachment Mayport keeps in the air, Navy ships and Sailors would be under-supplied, under-armed and partially blind.

“Thank you so much for all that you and your Sailors have done here.”

Taylor is moving on to Patuxent River, Maryland as the components officer for Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers.

Lt. Cmdr. Joseph “Derek” Tindell, a familiar face around FRCSE, relieved Taylor as Detachment Mayport officer in charge. Though most recently serving as Patrol Squadron 10’s assistant maintenance officer at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Tindell served in several rolls at FRCSE from 2007 to 2011, including as officer in charge of FRCSE Detachment Key West.



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Cmdr. Claude Taylor speaks to his Sailors of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Detachment Mayport during a change of charge ceremony June 24 in which he relinquished charge to Lt. Cmdr. Joseph "Derek" Tindell. Taylor will assume the role of components officer for Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers. (U.S. Navy Photo/Released)



Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Commanding Officer Capt. Chuck Stuart, right, presents Cmdr. Claude Taylor with the Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Medal during FRCSE Detachment Mayport's Change of Charge ceremony June 24. Taylor earned the award for his outstanding service as officer in charge of the detachment for the past two years. (U.S. Navy Photo/Released)



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Lt. Cmdr. Joseph "Derek" Tindell speaks during the Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Detachment Mayport Change of Charge ceremony June 24. Tindell took over as officer in charge from Cmdr. Claude Taylor. (U.S. Navy Photo/Released)



Senior Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate Nathaniel Sawyer, left, is reenlisted by Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Detachment Mayport Officer in Charge Cmdr. Claude Taylor during the change of charge ceremony June 24. (U.S. Navy Photo/Released)